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In re Application of:

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For NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES, THEIR NUCLEIC

ACIDS, AND METHODS FOR THEIR USE

IN ANGIOGENESIS AND

VASCULARIZATION

Examiner Gary B. Nickol, Ph.D.

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated June 18, 2002 for a period of two months.

Please charge the \$400.00 filing fee to American Express Account No. 3785-716974-01002. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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